

9th Aylesbury Scout Group Annual General Meeting 2025

Held at our 9th Aylesbury HQ at 7.00
p.m. on Wednesday 25th June 2025

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday

25th June 2025 at 7.00p.m.

at the 9th Aylesbury Scout Headquarters Oakfield Road

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 June 2024
 - b. Note the Group's financial year
 - c. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - d. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 12 months in the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Scrutineer
- 6. Closing remarks**

Minutes of 9th Aylesbury Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Held at 9th Aylesbury Scout Headquarters
Monday 26 June 2024 at 7.00pm

Present:

Current Trustee Board Members:

[Paul Sypko \(Chair\)](#)

[Kelvin Leaver \(GLV\)](#)

[Ayse Kongur Hunter-Watts](#)

[Jackie Richards \(Treasurer\)](#)

[Paul Biswell \(Facilities Manager\)](#)

[Dave Rayner \(Beaver Sectional Leader\)](#)

[Sue Biswell \(Administrator\)](#)

Other Attendees

[Murray Dobbie \(District](#)

[Commissioner\)](#)

[Nick Mutasa](#)

[James Remmington](#)

[Mai-Sand Ayres](#)

[Hazel Loader](#)

[James Loader](#)

[Lovita Furtado](#)

[Belinda Twissell](#)

[Kristina Anastasova](#)

Other Attendees (Cont)

[Oli Baron](#)

[Dipa Patel](#)

[Rakesh Patel](#)

[Jeewantin Mutukumarana](#)

[Iain Burnett](#)

[Allyson Leaver \(Cub Sectional Leader\)](#)

[Catherine Mannion \(Cub Sectional Leader\)](#)

[Lee Elliott \(Cub Sectional Leader\)](#)

1. Introduction and welcome

Paul Sypko (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Chris Harper (District Chair), Ruth Target, Louisa E Whidborne, Cara Underwood, Sarah Davis, Jen Staszewski and Alison Hall.

3. Governance topics

The Chair explained this part of the meeting was to make sure the charity's foundations are in good order.

3a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 July 2023

The Group Trustee Board reviewed the minutes of the previous AGM held on 17 July 2023 at their meeting on 28 September 2023. By way of a reminder, given its particular importance, please note that the Group Scout Council, at the previous AGM in 2023, adopted the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules in line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters – and this decision is recorded in the minutes. I put forward these minutes are taken as read and ask the Group Scout Council to agree they're a true record of that meeting.

This was Seconded by Mai Sand Ayres and a show of hands was requested to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

3b. Note the Group's financial year

The Chair asked the Group Scout Council to note the charity's financial year as running from 1 April to 31 March.

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3c. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

Following good practice recommendations from the Charity Governance Code, POR states Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5, and no more than 12, Trustees in total. This includes ex officio and co-opted Trustees.

The Chair advised The Group Scout Council that they must agree the number of people to be appointed to the Trustee Board. The outgoing Trustee Board recommends that a maximum of 10 people are appointed. He proposed the Group Scout Council approves that recommendation.

This was Seconded by Iain Burnett and a show of hands approved this proposal

3d. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

The Group Scout Council must agree its quorum (this is the minimum number of Group Scout Council members that must be present at Group Scout Council meetings). The outgoing Trustee Board recommends the quorum should be set at 15 people.

This proposal was Seconded by James Loader and a show of hands approved the number.

4. Review of the previous year

4a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 9th Aylesbury Group

The Group Lead Volunteer (Kelvin Leaver)'s review of Scouting in the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group is detailed in the AGM booklet.

Kelvin explained that he had a very good Leader Team and this has helped offer the young members lots of activities and experiences, like Nights Away, etc. and many of the young people achieve top awards in their sections. He thanked them all for their hard work.

The Chair also added his thanks for the time and effort put in by all the Leadership team, along with others involved 'behind the scenes'.

4b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts

The Chair advised that the Group Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and had received the report on the accounts from the Scrutineer. These documents are detailed in the AGM booklet.

The Group Treasurer (Jackie Richards) explained that our bank balance was looking very healthy at present as we had benefitted from grants in previous years.

There were no questions raised regarding the accounts

The Chair thanked Jackie for her hard work.

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5. Making appointments

The Chair explained we use this part of the meeting to organise the setup of the charity until the next AGM and we need to appoint a Trustee Board to oversee good governance for the charity over the next year.

5a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board

At this point, the Chair stood down from his role and handed the chairmanship of the meeting over to the Group Lead Volunteer.

The Group Lead Volunteer explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board and following this, he recommends to the Group Scout Council that Paul Sytko should be (re)-appointed as Group Chair. A show of hands approved the recommendation of Paul as Chair.

5b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board

The Chair explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board and the recommendation to the Group Scout Council was that Jackie Richards should be appointed as Group Treasurer. A show of hands approved the recommendation of Jackie as Group Treasurer.

5c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board

The Chair explained that following the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board, the recommendation to the Group Scout Council was that Sue Biswell, Paul Biswell, Dave Rayner, Ayse Hunter-Watts and Allyson Leaver should be appointed as members of the Group Trustee Board. A show of hands approved these recommendations.

The Chair advised the Group Scout Council that Stuart Millward, who was a Trustee Board Member since the previous AGM, would no longer be standing. He went on to thank him and all the Trustee Board Members for their work during the year.

5d. Appoint the Scrutineer

The Chair advised the Group Scout Council that Helen Calcutt was proposed for the role of Scrutineer by the outgoing Trustee Board, and confirms that she is qualified for the role. It was noted that Helen had very recently got married and her married name is now Helen Green. (Congratulations to Helen and her husband). A show of hands approved Helen Green's appointment as Scrutineer.

6. Closing remarks

Murray Dobbie (District Commissioner) thanked the Trustee Board and Leaders for what they do for the Group.

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Another parent added his thanks, stating that he thought the Leadership Team at the Group were exceptional. Further comments were made regarding how many of the volunteers had helped the Group for years, and no one should be worried about how much or how little they could offer. Many hands make it easier for all - this is why it has been decided to re-introduce the Parent-Rota to some of the sections. A little offer of time can make a big difference and you may realise how much you enjoy the experience!

The Group Lead Volunteer presented Jason, Assistant Scout Leader with his 5 Year Award Certificate, Well done Jason.

The Chair thanked everyone again for attending and advised refreshments were available in the garden.

The meeting closed at 19.30.

Chair's Report

It is my privilege to present the Chair's Report for the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group's Annual Report. This has been a year of exceptional progress and achievement, marked by key milestones that will shape the future of our Group for many years to come.

One of the most significant highlights was securing the freehold of our Oakfield HQ. This is a landmark moment, ensuring that we have a permanent home to support the activities and opportunities we offer to young people, now and for generations to come.

This, of course, complements and underpins the broad, engaging and excellent programme of activities that have been delivered throughout the year for all of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. More about this is provided in the Group Lead Volunteer's report.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our incredible volunteers. From leading activities and supporting events to handling vital administrative tasks, every contribution makes a real difference. A heartfelt thank you goes to all our adult volunteers and section leaders for the time, effort, and enthusiasm they bring to the Group. In particular, I want to express special gratitude to our Group Lead Volunteer for his unwavering dedication and the immense amount he does to ensure the success of the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group.

Our trustees also play an essential role, working diligently behind the scenes to support the Group's operations and ensure we remain on a strong foundation. Their efforts, alongside those of our other volunteers, allow us to continue growing and offering young people a truly enriching experience.

As we look ahead, we always need more adult volunteers to support our work. Whether it's helping occasionally as a parent volunteer, taking on a more regular role in leading activities, or joining as a trustee, there are many ways to get involved. Every contribution, big or small, helps us to continue delivering life-changing opportunities for our young members.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group this year. Your dedication and teamwork ensure we continue to thrive and provide a welcoming, supportive space for young people to grow and achieve.

Paul Sytko
Chair, 9th Aylesbury Scout Group



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Whether you want to support young people directly, or if you're more comfortable helping behind the scenes or planning an adventure from the sidelines, we've got space for you.

Contact:

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9th Aylesbury Treasurers Report 2024-2025

We have again this Financial Year End continued to maintain a strong financial position which in turn will bode well in enabling us to look at projects to future proof our HQ and make necessary adaptations and refurbishments which we are aware are much needed and will endeavour to gain additional funding via a Grant. We are also mindful of the funding for ongoing expenses such as the general upkeep and running of the HQ along with replacement equipment as and when required.

The monthly subscriptions are currently £12.50 and have not been reviewed or changed since September 2016 so after careful consideration this will be increasing to **£13.50 per month with effect from September 2025**. Please note subscriptions are due by the 9th of each month via regular standing order or bank transfer and we would ask that you contact your bank in order to change the amount payable accordingly.

Annually we apply to the HMRC for Gift Aid against the subscriptions we receive from those of you who have signed up for Gift Aid (which is at NO additional cost to yourselves). This enables us to gain additional income and last year we claimed back £2273 for which we are very grateful and it does make a significant difference to our Group so please consider completing a form or let us know if you are unable to Gift Aid and I will remove you from my chase up list. For more information please ask.

We are also still always looking for new supporters through the Vale Lottery which enables you to support us here at the 9th, whilst being in with a chance of winning some funding for yourselves! If you would like more information please visit our page on their website: www.valelottery.co.uk/support/9th-aylesbury-scout-group.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and prompt subscription payments.

Kind regards

Jackie Richards - Group Treasurer

9th AYLESBURY SCOUT GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Prepared on 1 April 2025 Figures Calculated up to and including 31 March 2025

Receipts		Payments	
Budget £	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	Budget £	PREMISES
	Total Subs To Date(from above)		Gas
	14877.50		1620.42
	Member Subs to HQ		Cleaning
	-6240.00		0.00
			Refuse Collection
			192.50
			0.00
	Membership Sub Total		Electricity
	8637.50		1599.61
			Oakfield Road Ground Rent
			78.08
			Water Charges
			380.64
			Building Insurance
			1842.20
			Annual Maintenance Contracts
			413.04
			Cleaning/Premises Supplies
			247.21
			Repairs and Renewals
			1024.16
			Oakfield Road Lease Purchase
			14023.60
			Premises Sub Total
			21421.46
			YOUTH PROGRAMME
			Scouting Activities
			5816.70
			Paid To Sections
			1259.00
			Youth Programme Sub Total
			7075.70
			MISC PAYMENTS
			Badges Etc
			529.00
			Uniforms
			274.40
			Admin Items
			202.33
			Equipment
			821.93
			AGM
			29.20
			0.00
			Training
			20.00
			Special
			80.00
			Fundraising
			0.00
			Grants
			0.00
			Misc Payments Sub Total
			1956.86
			TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR
			20858.54
			TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR
			30454.02

Total receipts for the year	20858.54
Total payments for the year	30,454.02
Net receipts (payments) for the year	- 9,595.48
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	60075.29 ✓
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	50479.81

CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank Current Account(s)	2274.01
Bank Deposit Account(s)	48205.80 *
	+ £25
Total Bank accounts/Cash	50479.81

TREASURER NOTES:

Difference	$\begin{array}{r} 48180.80 \\ - 2274.01 \\ \hline 50454.80 \end{array}$	0.00
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9th Aylesbury Scout Group (Charity No. 300652)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	Year start date	Year end date
	01/04/2024	31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	13,132	14,878
Donations	53	67
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	1,823	2,274
Other similar income (Compensation)	30	-
Sub total	15,037	17,218
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Detail 1 Misc	138	172
Detail 2 Scouting Activities	6,647	5,337
Detail 3 Badges/Scarves Receipts	11	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	6,796	5,509
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	3,525	3,800
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	3,525	3,800
Investment income		
Bank interest	571	572
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	571	572
Total Gross Income	25,929	27,099
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	25,929	27,099

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9th Aylesbury Scout Group (Charity No. 300652)
Receipts and payments account

	<small>Year start date</small>		<small>Year end date</small>
For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,154	6,240
Youth programme and activities	6,544	7,076
Adult support and training	260	20
Rent	300	78
Water and Sewerage	543	381
Electricity and Gas	2,973	3,220
Insurance	1,664	1,842
Repairs and Renewals	1,988	1,877
Materials and equipment	615	822
Printing and photocopying	212	202
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Uniforms	383	274
AGM and trustee expenses	-	29
Other costs detail 1 Badges	684	529
Other costs detail 2 Special	75	80
Other costs detail 3 Purchase of Oakfield Road Lease	-	14,024
Sub total	20,395	36,694
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	20,395	36,694
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	20,395	36,694
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,533	9,595
Cash funds last year end (Total Balance in Bank)	54,542	60,075
Cash funds this year end	60,075	50,480

9th Aylesbury Scout Group (Charity No. 300652)

Receipts and payments account

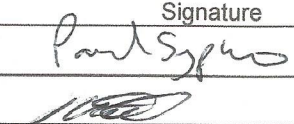
	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024	31/03/2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2024	31/03/2025
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	2,168	2,274
Bank deposit account	57,907	48,206
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	60,075	50,480
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	60,075	50,480

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **date TBC** (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name

Paul Sypko - Chair

Jackie Richards - Treasurer

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31ST MARCH 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer


As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 4

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.


Name: HELEN CALCUTT
Address:
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Date: 24-3-2025

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* additional credit £25.00 on 31-3-25 ∴ current balance on deposit account is £48180.80

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	NINTH AYLESBURY SCOUT GROUP																								
Other names the charity is known by	9th AYLESBURY SCOUT GROUP																								
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 0 6 5 2																								
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Charity's principal address	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td colspan="6">Mrs J Richards</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="6">8 Hastoe Park</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="6">AYLESBURY</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">Postcode</td><td>H</td><td>P</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>2 A D</td></tr> </table>	Mrs J Richards						8 Hastoe Park						AYLESBURY						Postcode	H	P	2	0	2 A D
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Paul James Sypko	Chair	
2	Kelvin Charles Leaver	Group Lead Volunteer	
3	Jacqueline Richards	Treasurer	
4	Paul Terence Biswell		
5	Susan Jane Biswell		
6	Ayşe Kongur		
7	Allyson Leaver		26/06/2024 onwards
8	Dave Rayner		To 3/02/25
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10			
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12			

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. We also have a 'Terms of Reference' document.

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 5 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustees), and meets approximately every 2 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

<p>Section B</p>	<p>Structure, governance and management (continued)</p> <p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.</p> <p>Organisational risks are reviewed and discussed at regular meetings of the trustee board. Financial controls include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.</p>
<p>Section C</p> <p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>Objectives and activities</p> <p>The Purpose of Scouting</p> <p>Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting</p> <p>As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method</p> <p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Leaders continue to provide excellent and varied experiences for the young people of the Group.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

- policy on grant making;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

In view of the recent purchase of the land on which the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group Headquarters building sits, the Trustee Board will be pursuing some financial grants to enable improvements to the premises.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Successfully purchasing the land on which the HQ stands. This mean we no longer have to negotiate a lease (and risk not securing one) and ensures Scouting can continue at the 9th Aylesbury HQ for generations to come.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 18 months running costs, circa £15000.

The Group's bank balance is healthy at present and a large amount of these funds came about by the grants previously received. During this financial year, we have completed the purchase of the land (on which the building sits) so we will start looking at ways to improve the premises and surrounding land for the current generation and those to come. It is likely that some of the improvements will draw on the reserves.

Investment Policy

In view of the recent purchase of the land and forthcoming expenses, the Group Trustees do not wish to invest their current funds in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in 'cash' using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Gift Aid Scheme

The Group operates a Gift Aid Scheme and during this financial year, applied for and received a total of **£2273** from HMRC for the previous financial year. If you belong to this scheme, we thank you for your support. If you do not but are a UK tax payer, please consider joining the scheme. To do so, simply talk to one of the Leaders, the Treasurer or Trustee Board members, as if you join, our funds can be increased with no cost to yourselves.

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

We are looking to start a Squirrel section (for 4 - 6 year olds) in the near future, but this is dependent on finding more volunteers to assist the Group.

We have supportive parents in some sections and are looking to do similar for all our other sections

Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Paul James Sypko

Susan Jane Biswell

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Trustee

Date

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